

CITY OF MIAMI BEACH
Office of the City Manager
Letter to Commission No. 158-2004



To: Mayor David Dermer and
Members of the City Commission

Date: June 28, 2004

From: Jorge M. Gonzalez
City Manager

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**Subject: BRIDGE REHABILITATION, REMOVAL OF FLYOVER, AND
IMPROVEMENTS TO 63RD STREET AND INDIAN CREEK DRIVE**

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For your information, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has scheduled a public information workshop for subject project to take place at Nautilus Middle School Auditorium on Wednesday, July 21, 2004, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

After the demolition of the existing flyover, subject project will resurface and reconstruct Indian Creek Drive from a point 350 feet south of W 63rd Street to just north of Abbott Avenue. The total length of the project along Indian Creek Drive is 0.6 miles. The project also includes milling and resurfacing of W 63rd Street, beginning just east of Allison Road and ending at the west end of the drawbridge crossing Indian Creek. The project includes complete renovation of the W 63rd Street Drawbridge. The reconstruction of W 63rd Street continues from east of the drawbridge to a point just west of Collins Avenue. The distance from Allison Road to Collins Avenue is approximately 0.16 miles. The most notable feature of this reconstruction is the removal of the left turn flyover (Eastbound to Northbound) and a total revamping of the signalized intersection of W 63rd Street and Indian Creek Drive.

The project includes new roadway lighting, new drainage structures, new signing and pavement markings, landscaping, and an updating of all signalized intersections. The renovation of the bridge will include new handrail, restoration and concrete repairs, new structural steel for the bascule leaf, and more reliable electrical systems, control systems, and machinery systems.

In order to avoid impacting two consecutive tourist seasons and boat shows, the project is currently planned to start construction in April 2006. Once construction begins, it is estimated that it will take approximately 580 days to complete the work; however, the contractor will be given substantial incentives to complete the work early and penalties for completing the work late. Maintenance of traffic concepts are set up so as to maintain traffic on both W 63rd Street and Indian Creek Drive at all times. Marine traffic will not be affected except for short periods of time, for which ample notice and Coast Guard compliance will be required.

In response to the City Commission's suggestion, FDOT is looking for ways to provide a protected left turn from Collins Avenue and 63rd Street to south bound Indian Creek Drive.

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c: Robert C. Middaugh, Assistant City Manager
Fred H. Beckmann, Director of Public Works